626 In Estonia, as in almost every modern
156 western country, rigid conformity to social mores has not been required and considerable deviant behavior has occurred. Deviators were not so badly condemned as in ancient times, but the communities tried to apply remedial means for controlling behavior.

The most effective stimuli motivating or inhibiting behavior in Estonia have been prestige and, to some extent, material rewards. Under various foreign rules many Estonians have suffered different types of punishment for political activities and have emerged national heroes. The present Communist rule is so unjust in its punishments that these are not, for the most part, affecting the prestige of the punished among their fellow Estonians.

557 Nepotism occurred in independent Estonia in the form of patronage doled out by prominent

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•156 The Vepsian character. The Vepsians are, in comparison with their neighbors, the Russians and Karelians, uncommunicative, reserved and less friendly. Kettunen on his field trip to Vepse was sometimes refused lodging for the night on the ground that life was very hard. The Russians, however, received him very kindly and offered him whatever they had. Kettunen further failed to find in the Vepsians' character the sincerity which is so characteristic of the Karelians.

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The Russian authors praise the honesty and disinterestedness of the Vepsians, wondering that they can manage without locks and can charge strangers so little for a night's lodgings. But the first World War and the years of revolution following it have had, in this as well as in other respects, an adverse influence upon them.

837 Of the moral level of the Vepsians certain negative observations have been made. The faithfulness of married women has been found to be faltering and the number of children born outside of marriage great.

000 Way of life. According to all descriptions